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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Amendment filed 02/27/06 introduces a new claim 31 which was not included in the O.A. mailed 12/19/05. However, applicant submitted the claim 31 as appeared to be the examined claim under the heading of "currently amended". It is noted that applicant originally has received an action on the merits for the originally presented claims 26-30. The claim 31 was not the part of the claims that were originally filed (either by Preliminary Amendment). As discussed in preceding comments, the amendment filed on January 29, 2003 introducing new claim 31 with heading "currently amended" is considered non-responsive.

Furthermore, the claim 31 is improperly being dependent on the cancelled claim 1. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Kwon whose telephone number is (571) 272-0581. The examiner can normally be reached Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am to 7:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Low, can be reached on (571) 272-0951. The fax number for this Group is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

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